

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An endoscope container for high-pressure sterilization comprising:

a tray serving as a housing and having a plurality of pores;

a lid member blocking the opening of said tray and having a plurality of pores; and

a positioning member, formed in one of said tray and lid member, for restricting bending of a predetermined portion of an insertion member having a soft part so that the bend radius of the predetermined portion thereof will be larger than the bend radius of the other portion thereof.

2. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 1, wherein said positioning member includes a concave predetermined-portion part of said tray.

3. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 1, wherein said positioning member includes a curved wall that is formed on said lid member to exhibit a bend radius larger than a bend radius the proximal portion of the insertion member exhibits when stowed in said endoscope container.

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4. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined portion is at least the distal portion of 70 cm long of the insertion member having a soft part.

5. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 2, wherein said concave predetermined-portion part holds said predetermined portion in a substantially straight form.

6. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 3, wherein said curved wall holds said predetermined portion in a loosely bent form.

7. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined portion of the insertion member is bent to be settled in two opposite directions.

8. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 1, wherein said tray body has a handle that is grabbed by the hand in order to carry said endoscope container, and a grip.

9. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization comprising:

an insertion member sheathing member composed of a hard pipe portion, which sheathes a predetermined portion of an insertion member of an endoscope and holds the predetermined portion in a predetermined form, and a coil pipe portion that is flexible and sheathes a portion of a flexible tube, which is a soft part of the insertion member, proximal from the predetermined portion of the insertion member.

10. An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization comprising:

a positioning member for restricting bending of at least a predetermined portion of an insertion member of an endoscope having a soft part so that the bend radius of the predetermined portion thereof will be larger than the bend radius of the other portion thereof, the endoscope withstanding high-pressure steam sterilization.